

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:
 - (a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and
 - (b) caffeic acid ~~and/or a~~, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt salts thereof.
2. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein (b) consists of caffeic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
3. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein (b) consists of a chlorogenic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
4. (Original) The composition of Claim 3, wherein the chlorogenic acid is selected from the group consisting of: neochlorogenic acid, an isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid.
5. (Original) The composition of Claim 1, wherein (b) comprises caffeic acid and a chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
6. (Currently Amended) A food or beverage comprising:
 - (a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and
 - (b) caffeic acid ~~and/or a~~, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt salts thereof.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) A supplement comprising
 - (a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and
 - (b) caffeic acid ~~and/or a~~, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
9. – 10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently Amended) A process for preventing or treating hypertension or high

blood pressure comprising: administering an effective dose of a composition comprising (a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and (b) a component selected from caffeic acid ~~and/or a~~, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, ~~or a~~ and pharmaceutically acceptable salt salts thereof, to a subject in need thereof.

12. (Original) The process of Claim 11, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

13. (Original) The process of Claim 11, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing a rise in blood pressure comprising administering an effective dosage of a composition comprising: (a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and (b) a component selected from caffeic acid ~~and/or a~~, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, ~~or a~~ and pharmaceutically acceptable salt salts thereof, to a subject in need thereof.

15. (Original) The process of Claim 14, wherein the rise of systolic blood pressure is reduced.

16. (Original) The process of Claim 14, wherein the rise in diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

17. (Original) A food or beverage supplemented with ferulic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. (Original) A food or beverage supplemented with caffeic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (Original) A food or beverage supplemented with a chlorogenic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.